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ACCORDING TO FONOFF SPENT "GHASTLY" SATURDAY TRYING TO EXPLAIN AWAY TO CORRESPONDENTS, EDITORS, AND EVEN MEMBERS HIS OWN PARTY, PRIME MINISTER'S GLENEAGLE REMARK THAT BERLIN CRISIS "ALL GOT UP BY THE PRESS". FONOFF HOPES THAT ANY DAMAGE DONE MAY HAVE BEEN REPAIRED BY SUNDAY'S STATEMENT ON BERLIN FOLLOWING MACMILLAN-HOME TALKS.

MEANWHILE, PRESS COMMENT HAS BEEN RELATIVELY RESTRAINED PRESUMABLY BECAUSE PRESS HAS PREFERRED TO TAKE COMMUNIQUE AS REAL STATEMENT OF UK OFFICIAL POSITION ON BERLIN RATHER THAN PRIMMIN'S OFF-THE-CUFF REMARKS. PRESS GENERALLY HAS TAKEN LINE THAT MACMILLAN IN HIS SATURDAY OUTBURST, CARRIED "UNFLAPABILITY" TOO FAR.

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